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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK OFFERS WILDERNESS EXPLORATION CAMP IN TUCSON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (WEST) DURING HOLIDAY BREAK

Tucson, AZ - Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District (west) will offer a three-day Junior Ranger Wilderness Exploration Day Camp for young people 10 to 14 years old. The dates for the camp are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 27-29.

The camp includes a variety of fun, hands-on activities such as hiking, exploring, compass and map reading, learning how a GPS helps you navigate through the desert, and an exhilarating night hike through the magic of the desert after dark. Participants will also learn how to pick a camp site and pitch a tent, cook with a backpack stove, and hike safely in the wilderness. These skills will be learned through active demonstrations and activities designed to help young people explore the desert, learn about nature, and have fun in the great outdoors.

Camp hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, ending with a night hike, campfire, and graduation. If you need flexibility in drop off/pickup times, please let us know. For more information or questions, please contact Ranger Chip Littlefield at 733-5157, or email him at chip_littlefield@nps.gov. The camp fee is \$35.00 per child for all three days. Space is limited and reservations are required. Scholarships to cover fee may be available. Deadline for reservations is Monday, December 17. Don't wait, sign up now!

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